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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that :

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled : "Method for sending messages in a computer network.", the specification of which

[x] is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims,

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56,

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a) -(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s) of which Priority is to be claimed :

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The Hague/Netherlands

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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